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## **STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION RESPONSE TO *MEASURING UP 2002***

The National Center for Public Policy in Higher Education released its report, *Measuring Up 2002*, this week. This statistical snapshot of Idaho in comparison to other states will serve as source of information to the Idaho State Board of Education in its ongoing efforts to improve education in Idaho.

The State Board of Education has in place goals in the areas of quality, accessibility, relevance and efficiency for all public education offerings in the state, including public higher education.

“We are making strides in each of the goal areas established by the Board,” stated Gary Stivers, Executive Director. For example, the Promise scholarship awards have provided millions of dollars to help Idaho graduates attend Idaho institutions.

The newly adopted Achievement Standards are geared to ensure Idaho graduates are better prepared to take advantage of higher education opportunities. Branch campuses and distance learning opportunities continue to expand and allow citizens to take postsecondary coursework from locations throughout the state.

The State Board of Education is committed to a process of continuous improvement in all aspects of public education and will continue to strive for excellence.